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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as reduced for next week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Retail egg sales were moderate to fairly good with loose egg demand light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. **Range Mostly**

EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	47-56	49-52

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly			
LARGE	58-67	62	
MEDIUM	29-35	33	
SMALL	18-22		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were mostly sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the fair demand. Schedules were reported as normal to reduced for next week. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as less than normal for the upcoming week. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	86-100	86-89
LARGE	80-94	85-89
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to mostly adequate with demand light. Most breakers were working from existing inventories and were willing to wait for future market developments. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed for next week, mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	88.5-97	90-93
LARGE	86.5-95	88-91
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were trending unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand continued moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the fair and unaggressive demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal to reduced for next week. Light type fowl were about adequate to sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal due to the upcoming holiday. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	84.25-95	89-92
LARGE	81.5-93	87-90
MEDIUM	55.5-63	56-60

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were mostly adequate to instances available for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	65-69

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	53-61	54-56

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady and cautious with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 75.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	134
EXTRA LARGE	130
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	95

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

JUMBO	114-123
EXTRA LARGE	112-117
LARGE	110-113
MEDIUM	82-85

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-249
MEDIUM	189-219

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to mostly adequate with demand light. Most breakers were working from current inventories and were willing to wait for future market developments. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed for next week, mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The undertone was generally steady. However, traders were cautious and closely watching further market developments. Offerings were still reported in a range of short to adequate. Demand was fair, but unaggressive. Breaking schedules were being reported as normal to reduced for next week. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Dec-2005 were 6% less than last week, but 4% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	35-38	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-28	22-25
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 24-Dec-2005 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,152,875	29,972	9,586	5,006	2,559	3,939	
PW	1,239,764	31,901	10,257	5,389	2,345	4,257	
LY	1,111,846	25,821	11,231	6,266	2,524	3,941	
% PW	-7%	-6%	-7%	-7%	9%	-7%	
% LY	4%	16%	-15%	-20%	1%	0%	
2005	66,576,597	1,591,392	636,441	341,087	145,644	225,030	
2004	63,176,850	1,503,939	607,417	328,836	134,953	217,647	
% YTD	5%	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%	
					CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					42.07	41.78	42.50
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					38.65	38.35	38.96

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	508,501	44.1%	15,465	51.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	512,157	41.3%	15,696	49.2%
LAST YEAR	498,462	44.8%	12,924	50.1%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/24 with some holiday down time was 19% lower than the previous week. Frozen demand good with freezer stocks generally adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	52-56
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-70

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged. Frozen sugared yolk ranged irregular, with frozen salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak for frozen whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and mostly weak for all frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate or available with demand seasonally light to instances moderate. Schedules mostly full-time for next week. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged when to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-50	47-49
WHITES	37-42	39-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68	66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-65	61-63

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites, irregular on whole, and usually lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was slow with offerings usually adequate for trade requirements. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, about steady on whole, and usually steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Dec-2005 were 5% less than the previous week, but 1% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	45-51	47-50	53-57
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		61-80
WHITES	35-42	36-40	42-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-68	65-68	70-81
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-65	61-63	66-80

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to lower on whole and yolks, but higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Trading was irregular, but usually in a range of light to fair. Offerings were not available as earlier on albumen, but usually about adequate. Balance of items were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, barely steady to steady on whole, but fully steady to firm on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Dec-2005 were 9% more than the previous week, and 1% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 8% above a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.49-1.75	MOSTLY	1.52-1.58
YOLKS	1.45-2.10	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.60	MOSTLY	2.40-2.55
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 48 to 49 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 33 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and weak for yolk. Demand was reduced on all products this week as industrial users cut back due to the previous holiday. Demand for next week was reported as improved with yolk in the quietest position. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for whole egg and yolk with white offerings adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged from last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	18	25-28	26.56	-.39
WHITES	12	26.5-27.5	26.96	-.22
YOLKS	8	45-54	50.75	-.79

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 23, 2005-DEC 29, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							82.25	FUTURE LOADS			51.50	TOTAL LOADS						133.75
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	64.83	71.00	67.00	69.56	63.25	60.63	30.00	GNR W 1	—	75.00	—	—	—	82.75	6.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	—	30.00	24.63	—	2.00	GL W XL	59.00	72.00	—	—	76.00	75.22	10.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	79.43	77.00	—	90.58	75.00	77.34	35.25			
GL W XL	—	—	77.00	81.42	62.11	—	31.25	GL W MD	37.80	40.50	38.00	—	—	43.15	8.50			
GL W LG	—	81.00	—	75.00	60.93	72.00	30.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W MD	46.73	46.33	46.50	47.72	38.75	32.00	19.00											
GL W SM	38.00	39.00	—	—	27.00	32.50	2.50											
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	37.00	23.00											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
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SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Prices were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances tight with demand fair to fairly good and better into rendering operations. Schedules shortened for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST .5-5.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	87.50	87.00	59.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	58.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	91.50	89.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.89	86.24	56.25

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for light canners; fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were about adequate to adequate current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-DEC-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—	—	—
THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS

THIS REPORT WILL BE RELEASED WHEN THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—	—	—
THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—	—	—
THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	403	411	17,042	20,184
Frozen	0	28	130	39
Dried	14	57	862	913
Total	417	496	18,034	21,136

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending December 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	129	30	6,475	7,578
Frozen	4	40	818	1,599
Dried	0	0	371	2,113
Total	133	70	7,664	11,290

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	200	392
Extra Large	1,430	4,695	183,241	228,086
Large	6,480	12,455	305,456	467,703
Medium	630	818	100,007	139,122
Ungraded	3,750	8,120	232,678	338,155
Misc	0	950	9,753	17,740
Total	12,290	27,038	831,335	1,191,198

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 24-Dec-2005

CASES

(Receipts From Producers)

PERCENT CHANGE FROM

REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	225.6	-1	5
East North Central	628.9	-3	6
West North Central	290.2	-4	3
South Atlantic	213.8	0	-2
South Central	70.9	16	1
West	201.0	-3	3
Total	1629.5	-2	4
Matched Plants reporting		84	84
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 24-Dec-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	38.9	32.4	20	76
Boston	3.2	3.3	-3	19
Chicago	106.8	102.4	4	32
Detroit	34.7	33.8	3	1
Kansas City	5.1	5.4	-6	4
Los Angeles	122.0	118.7	3	37
New Orleans	6.3	8.0	-21	-10
New York	37.0	35.8	3	9
St. Louis	18.5	23.9	-23	23
San Francisco	21.6	19.2	13	-11
Total	394.1	382.9	3	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	372.2			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Dec 27, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	136	131	88	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	129-133	123-127	81-85	49-53
MOSTLY	131-132	125-126	83-84	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	135-139	129-133	87-91	55-59
MOSTLY	135	129	87	55
VERMONT	136	131	88-89	-
MOSTLY	-	-	88	-

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 12/26/05	3,392	29,007	68,439
AM 12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG	17	-4185	-6656
PCT CHG	1%	-13%	-9%

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